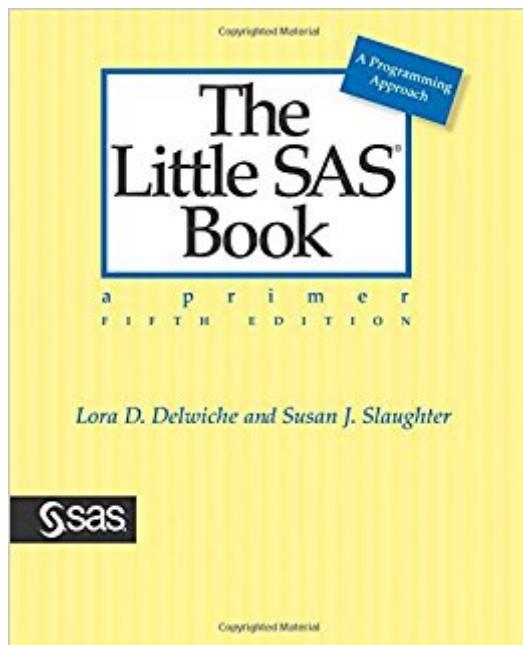


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The Little SAS Book: A Primer, Fifth Edition



Synopsis

A classic that just keeps getting better, The Little SAS Book is essential for anyone learning SAS programming. Lora Delwiche and Susan Slaughter offer a user-friendly approach so readers can quickly and easily learn the most commonly used features of the SAS language. Each topic is presented in a self-contained two-page layout complete with examples and graphics. The fifth edition has been completely updated to reflect the new default output introduced with SAS 9.3. In addition, there is now a full chapter devoted to ODS Graphics including the SGPlot and SGPanel procedures. Other changes include expanded coverage of linguistic sorting and a new section on concatenating macro variables with other text. This book is a great tool for users of SAS 9.4 as well. This title belongs on every SAS programmer's bookshelf. It's a resource not just to get you started, but one you'll return to as you continue to improve your programming skills. This book is part of the SAS Press program.

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"The new edition of The Little SAS Book does an excellent job of introducing SAS users to the basics of accessing data, basic analysis, and reporting. It addresses these concepts in an easy-to-understand but comprehensive manner. It also includes the latest and greatest of pertinent new additions to SAS software. But most importantly, it weaves best practices and standards throughout all of its content." --Jennifer First, Vice President, Systems Seminar Consultants, Inc.

Lora D. Delwiche enjoys teaching people about SAS software and likes solving challenging problems using SAS. She has spent most of her career at the University of California, Davis, using SAS in support of teaching and research. Susan J. Slaughter discovered SAS software in graduate school at North Carolina State University. Since then, she has used SAS in a variety of business and academic settings managing large databases, teaching SAS software classes, and helping other SAS programmers. She now works as a consultant through her company, Avocet Solutions.

I drove myself crazy looking for basic information on the syntax and options of the SAS language. The SAS support site is a joke, and most of the SAS publications are ridiculously expensive. I was turned off by the title of this book, and I didn't think it would apply to SAS Enterprise Guide. I was wrong. This was exactly what I needed: a "get your foot in the door" basic reference to SAS programming syntax suitable for people who already have experience with programming. I wish I had bought this book months ago.

I love the layout of this book. This was the first SAS book that I used and I didn't realize at the time, but it is one of the higher quality SAS-related publications. Others I have purchased since have been disappointingly amateurish. The two-page sections provide just the right amount of information, and are great for pacing yourself for self-study. They introduce an idea or a function generally, then provide a code example using data tables that you can access through SAS OnDemand. My one nitpick is that I would like the examples to operate a bit more like exercises. They show the code first, then explain what it does, whereas it would be nice if the problem was presented first and then the code solution. That way I could make an attempt at solving the problem myself before seeing the code. I was able to do that for some sections, though, and overall this is a good book. Definitely recommend for first-time users.

A good introduction book for SAS beginner with clear explanation for most examples! I would recommend it to those who want to learn SAS without any programming background.

This is a perfect addition to my personal library. As a data analyst who uses SAS consistently, I found this book to be useful many many times.

I'm currently studying policy analysis and we cover a large portion of the class using SAS. This book really helped me do well in the course and it even taught me other techniques in SAS that the

course didn't get to. I highly recommend this book for anyone trying to get good grasp of how the program works.

This book is a textbook in my school course. It contains useful examples, but some parts are hard to understand.

As a novice to SAS, I found this book to be both straightforward in its presentation and very thorough in its coverage of the basics. For a more advanced user, this might not be the most helpful purchase, but I found it to be an excellent introductory textbook.

I needed a quick reference with an explanation and an example to fix a program and The Little SAS Book had exactly what I needed. I was hesitant to buy the kindle version but I am so glad I did!

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